

BOONE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

July 2, 2013

Dear Boone County Farmer, Business Operator or Natural Resource Professional;

The Farm Bill Program administered by the Natural Resource conservation Service (NRCS) depends on the Local Working Group in each county to set the local resource concerns that need addressed in their county. The Boone Co. Soil and Water Conservation District has been asked to organize and conduct the 2014 Local Working Group meeting to prioritize these natural resource concerns in Boone County. You have been asked to be part of this Local Working Group because you have special knowledge and skills or represent a group or organization.

Enclosed with this letter is a list of the possible resource concerns that the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has put together. Please review this list and consider which items you think should be a priority in Boone County. We will discuss and vote on this list at the meeting. These rankings will help determine which projects receive funding through the USDA Farm Bill programs i.e.: Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives program (WHIP).

In addition a survey has been added to directly report your concerns to the State Technical Committee, if you so choose. If you are interested please complete the quick survey and return it to myself or our District Conservationist at: angela.garrison@in.usda.gov.

I hope you will join us for a quick meeting and look forward to having you all together. If you are unable to attend but would like to take part in the process, you may do so by filling out your top ten concerns (1 meaning the number 1 concern in the county), returning the survey and/or contracting Angela Garrison at 317-373-2345 or angela.garrison@in.usda.gov.

July 17, 2013 @ 9:00 am Boone County Annex Building Connie Lamar Meeting Room 116 West Washington Street Lebanon, IN 46052

Sincerely,

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